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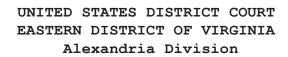
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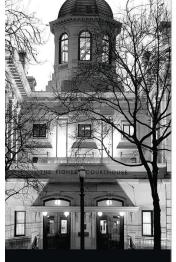
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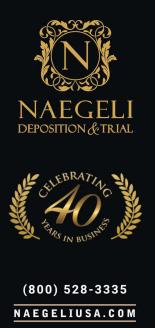
Plaintiff,

Case No. 23-cv-00729-LMB-JFA

DOUBLE D GOOSE CONTROL LLC d/b/a GEESE POLICE OF DC, DAVID S. MARCKS, DOUGLAS MARCKS, and MICHAEL GAY,

Defendants.





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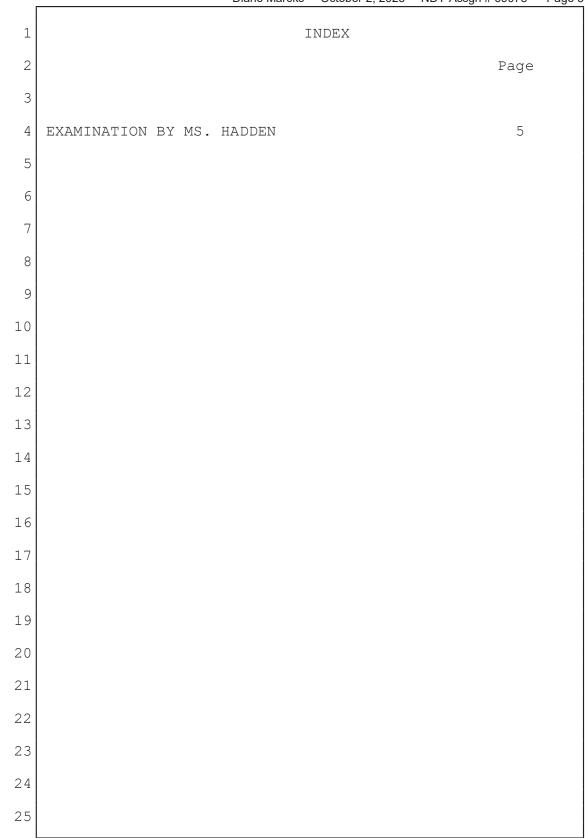
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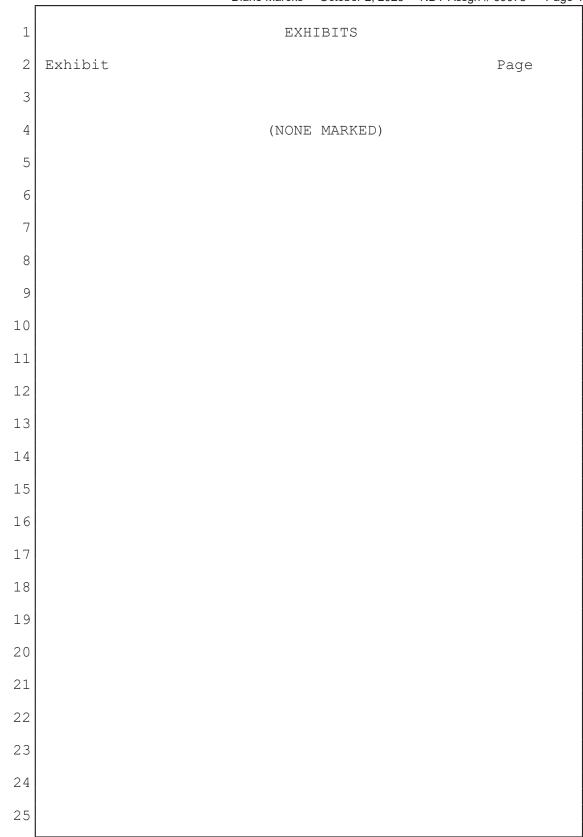
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1	DEPOSITION OF
2	DIANE MARCKS
3	TAKEN ON
4	MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023
5	10:36 A.M.
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7	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are on the record at
8	10:36. The date is October 2, 2023. This is the
9	beginning deposition of Diane Marcks. Case caption
10	is GPI versus Double D Goose.
11	Will counsel introduces yourselves for the
12	record and state whom you represent.
13	MS. JANKOWSKI: This is Gretchen
14	Jankowski, law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney,
15	on behalf of the plaintiff. And with me appearing
16	for a portion of this is my colleague, Matthew
17	Pilsner of the same law firm.
18	MS. HADDEN: Maryam Hadden, Parlatore Law
19	Group, on behalf of the defendants.
20	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The court reporter will
21	now swear in the witness.
22	DIANE MARCKS, having been first duly sworn, was
23	examined and testified as follows:
24	EXAMINATION
25	BY MS. HADDEN:

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1 Q. Ms. Marcks, I'm just going to remind you to speak slowly and clearly so that everybody can hear everything that you're saying. If you're responding "yes" or "no" to a question, please use the words "yes" or "no." Don't nod your head or shake your head. Court reporters can't down things like "um-hum" or "uh-huh." 8 So you need to be as clear as possible in your answers. 10 Do you understand? 11 Α. Yes. Are you currently taking any medication or 12 Q. any intoxicating substances or do you have any 13 l 14 physical condition that would affect your ability to testify truthfully and accurately today? 15 l 16 Α. No. One other thing. It's important that we 17 Q. try to not speak over each other, again, so that the 18 court reporter can take a clear record. So please 19 let me finish all of my questions. I'll do my best 20 l 21 l to let you finish all of your answers. And that way we'll have the clearest record possible. 23 If I ask you a question that you don't understand, please let me know, and I'll try to 24 rephrase the question for you. Do you understand?

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1 Α. Yes. 2 How many times have you been deposed before, Ms. Marcks? I don't know. Maybe three or four. 4 5 Drawing your attention to the first time, were you a party or witness in that case? 7 Α. Party. 8 The second time that you were deposed, tell me a little bit about that case in your first 10 deposition. It would have been the purchasing of a 11 Α. 12 | business in Manasquan, New Jersey. Is that the Osprey or a different 13 Q. 14 business? The Osprey. 15 Α. 16 Q. Were you the defendant or the plaintiff in that case? 17 Α. The defendant. 18 Drawing your attention to the second time 19 Q. that you were deposed, were you a party or a witness in that case. 21 l 22 Α. I don't recall. 23 Q. Do you recall what the case was about? 24 A slip and fall probably. Α. 25 Do you recall approximately when that was? Q.

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1 Α. No. 2 What about your third deposition, were you a party or a witness? The same, slip and fall lawsuit in the 4 5 Osprey. 6 0. Were you a party to that suit or a witness in that suit? 8 Α. A witness. 9 Q. Was the Osprey a party in that suit? 10 Α. Yes. Do you recall when that was approximately? 11 Q. 12 Α. No. 13 Have you been deposed any other times? Q. Yes. 14 Α. 15 Tell me about your next deposition. Were Q. 16 you a party or a witness? 17 Α. A party. And what was that case about? 18 Q. 19 Geese Police. Α. 20 Which of the Geese Police suits was that Q. 21 l in? 22 The Ramsey. Α. 23 Q. So you were the plaintiff in that case? 24 Α. Yes. 25 How long ago approximately was that? Q.

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1 Α. About six months ago. 2 That case is still ongoing? Q. 3 Yes. Α. Have you been deposed in any of the other 4 Q. Geese Police litigations? 5 6 Α. No. 7 Q. There are other Geese Police litigations; 8 correct? 9 Α. Yes. Approximately how many suits do you have 10 ongoing as the plaintiff at this point? 11 Α. Three. 12 So this case, Vid Rapsys. And what's the 13 Q. third case? 14 What's the third case? 15 Α. 16 Q. That's what I'm asking you. Who else are you suing? 17 18 Α. Dave Swickard. Has Geese Police brought any other suits 19 Q. against other franchisees? 20 21 Α. No. 22 Q. What about Elliott Warren in Maryland? 23 Α. Not yet to my knowledge. 24 How many suits has Geese Police brought Q. 25 against franchisees and resolved at this point?

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1 Α. None. 2 What about the case against Kathy 3 Benedict? That was before my time with Geese Police. 4 Α. 5 So since you joined Geese Police, it's only been the three suits that you've described? 7 Α. Yes. 8 MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. BY MS. HADDEN: Do you know anything about any of the 10 suits brought by Geese Police before you joined? 11 MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 12 THE WITNESS: No. 13 BY MS. HADDEN: 14 15 Q. When is it that you joined Geese Police? 16 Α. 2012. What was your role when you first joined 17 Geese Police? 18 Vice president. 19 Α. 20 Who was in that position before you? Q. Diane Nevarez. 21 Α. 22 Did you take over directly from Diane 23 Nevarez, or were there any other individuals in 24 between the two of you? 25 A. Not to my knowledge.

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1	Q.	No one between the two of to your
2	knowledge	?
3	Α.	Not to my knowledge.
4	Q.	Prior to 2012 when you took over as VP of
5	Geese Pol	ice, you were running another business;
6	correct?	
7	Α.	Correct.

Case 3:22-cv-04585-MAS-TJB Document 50-11 Filed 11/06/23 Page 13 of 70 Page ID: 1616 Page 12 NBP Assgn # 69078 23 Now, going back to GPI, you said you 24 became the vice president in 2012. For how long did 25 you hold the position of vice president?



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Till my husband's passing January in 1 Α. 2 January of '22. 3 What were your duties and responsibilities Q. as vice president? 5 Vague. My husband ran the business 6 basically. I was there, just fill-in. 7 Q. When you say fill-in, were you interacting 8 with the franchisees in any way? 9 MS. JANKOWSKI: I didn't hear that. Sorry. 10 You cut out. 11 BY MS. HADDEN: Sure. When you say fill-in, were you 12 Q. interacting with the franchisees on a daily basis? 13 A. No. 14

Were you interacting with employees on a

Α. 17 No.

16 daily basis?

Q.

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- Were there any daily activities that you 18 Q. 19 undertook as vice president?
- 20 No. My husband was alive.
- 21 Q. Okay. Once your husband passed, what
- 22 position did you take?
- 23 A. President.

Α.

24 Who took over the vice president position Q. 25 at that point, or is there a vice president?



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1 Α. My son. 2 What are your son's duties as vice president? To support the business and my decisions. Α. Would it be fair to say that the role of 5 vice president remains fairly limited and it is the president who's running GPI; is that accurate? 8 Α. Yes. Could you describe your duties and 10 responsibilities now that you are the president? My duties are to see that the business is 11 solvent, run properly in the manner that my husband ran the business, to take care of all the 13 responsibilities at the farm and in the office. 14 Who's is in control of bank accounts for 15 Q. 16 **GPI?** 17 Α. I have an accountant.

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3	Q.	Are there employees who are responsible
4	for purcha	asing daily needs items for GPI?
5	А.	My four managers, yes.
6	Q.	Who would those four managers be?
7	Α.	Jeremy Brown, Joe Compton, Jesse Cottrell,
8	and Brian	Swirbel.
9	Q.	So in terms of expenditures, you're
10	relying up	oon the four of those those four
11	individua	ls to use their best judgment in terms of
12	coming to	you if there's anything beyond the
13	ordinary	that's needed; is that correct?
14	Α.	That's correct.
15	Q.	How many employees does GPI have?
16	Α.	GPI? Two.
17	Q.	Who are the two employees?
18	Α.	Jeremy Brown and myself.
19	Q.	So the other three managers that you
20	mentioned	would not qualify as employees of GPI?
21	Α.	No.
22	Q.	How would you describe their positions?
23	Α.	Their positions are with Geese Police,
24	Inc.	
25	Q.	How did Geese Police, Inc. differ from

GPI, LLC? 2 GPI is the franchisee end of Geese Police. 3 So essentially, Geese Police, Inc. would Q. service accounts, and GPI, LLC would deal with the franchisees; is that accurate? Α. That's accurate. 20 Q. Are each of those dogs actively working, in other words, working accounts daily? 22 Α. Yes. Do you have any dogs or does Geese Police, 23 Q. Inc. have any dogs reserved for franchisee purchase? 24 25 Α. Yes.

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1 Q. How many dogs are reserved for franchisee purchase right now? 3 Right now, one that I know of. And is that dog actively working while 4 Q. 5 awaiting purchase? 6 Α. Yes. 10 So each of the dogs that you described are Q. dogs who were purchased while your husband was still 11 active? 12 Yes. 13 Α. The dog that is being -- that is working, 14 15 but is reserved for franchisee purchase, would that 16 dog be purchased by a franchisee from Geese Police, Inc. or from Geese Police, LLC? 171 Α. Honestly I'm confused, but I believe it's 18 Geese Police. 19 20 Have you had any of the franchisees Q. 21 requesting dogs? 22 Α. Yes. 23 Q. How much does Geese Police or GPI sell 24 dogs to the franchisees for?

That varies.

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Α.

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purchasing uniforms and the uniform being sold to a 2 franchise? 3 A. No. What about pamphlets, advertisements, 4 Ο. things like that, is there any cost to the 5 franchisees for purchasing those items? 7 Α. Repeat the question. Sure. Pamphlets, advertisements, written 8 Q. descriptions of GPI's services, is there any cost to franchisees for purchasing those items? 101 11 There hasn't been any request, to my knowledge. 12| Does Geese Police or GPI give any sort of 13 Q. paraphernalia to franchisees, keychains, hats, 14 things along those lines? 15 l 16 It's available to purchase. Have you had any requests? 17 Q. 18 Α. No. What about training, does GPI or Geese 19 Q. Police provide training to franchisees? 20 21 Α. If they want it or need it, yes. 22 When you say need it, how would you know 23 whether or not a franchisee needs training? They request it. If they're having a 24 Α. 25 situation they don't understand how to handle, yes,

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they would -- there are management available to help 2 them and to train them. 3 Q. That's a service that's offered on request. It's not something that's mandated by either GPI or Geese Police; is that correct? 6 A. That's correct. Who would provide training services if a 7 Q. franchise were to request them? 9 Α. Depending on the situation, if it was a problem with a dog, Brian Swervel would most likely 101 11 handle the situation. If it's customer related, Jeremy Brown or 12 Joe Cole might handle it. It varies. 13| 14 Q. Joe Cole or Joe Compton? Α. Joe Compton. I'm sorry. It's a long 15 16 time. I keep forgetting he's not with us. When did Joel Cole leave Geese Police? 17 Q. Α. He retired December or the end of December 18 of '21. 19 20 What were his duties and responsibilities Q. 21 l while he was still with the organization? 22 Α. Pardon me? 23 Q. What were his duties and responsibilities 24 while he was still with the organization? 25 A. He was a service manager.

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1	Q. Who would he deal with on a regular basis?
2	You know, in other words, would he deal with
3	customers? Would he deal with franchisees? Would he
4	deal with a mix? What was he doing?
5	A. Both. He was available to the franchisees
6	if they had a question, a problem or needed help
7	till he became ill.
8	Q. Does GPI or Geese Police do inspections of
9	any of the franchisees?
10	A. I haven't, no.
11	Q. Was your husband doing inspections when he
12	was still alive?
13	A. He visited many of the franchisees, yes,
14	inspections.
15	Q. What about more formal training as opposed
16	to on request? Something along the lines of a
17	seminar or conference, was that offered by GPI or
18	Geese Police?
19	A. Many years. Lately, no, between COVID,
20	the shutdown, my husband's passing. One was set up,
21	and we did not get the response to continue, and we
22	canceled it.
23	Q. When was the last time a formal seminar
24	was held?
25	A. I would have to say to my knowledge as I

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participated, 2012. 2 So that was significantly before COVID; correct? 4 Α. Yes. 5 Does GPI or Geese Police provide a series of template forms for franchisees as they're onboarding, in other words, things like a handbook, insurance, how to do the books, anything along those lines? All that they received in the initial 10 training and contracting with the company. 11 Is that still available for someone who 12 Q. were to start a new franchise now? 13 l Α. Yes. 14 15 Who would be running that initial Q. 16 training? We would have two to three different 17 18 managers in the different fields, one with the dogs, one with the office, one with the books, et cetera. 19 20 Q. Would that be the same four managers that you named earlier, or is there anyone else who would 22 be involved in training a new franchise? 23 My accountant. Α.

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So one of the things that you would offer 1 Q. would be support in how to set up the business end? 3 Α. The books. Q. The books. 4 5 Α. Yes. 6 Is that new to Geese Police or GPI? 0. 7 Α. No. 8 Who provided that type of training before Q. Alyssa Madison became involved? Diane Nevarez, Bill Cole, David Marcks, my 10 11| husband, Joe Compton. 12 Q. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt 13 you. That's all right. 14 Α. 15 Anyone else? Q. 16 Α. At the time Joe Cole as well. When you say at the time, what timeframe 17 are we talking about? 18 19 Well, before he retired, he was there to Α. 20 train, yes, on sales. 21 And Diane Nevarez left in 2012? Q. 22 I'm not -- approximately, yes. Α. 23 What about Joe Compton, when did Joe 24 Compton join Geese Police or GPI? 25 20 years ago. Α.

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Would it be fair to say that there was a 1 Q. lengthy period of time where the franchises were somewhat left on their own due to disarray at Geese 4 Police or GPI? 5 MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 6 THE WITNESS: GPI -- Geese Police was never in disarray. BY MS. HADDEN: 9 Q. What about GPI? 10 A. GPI as well. Were there ever instances of franchisees 11 12 asking for assistance and not receiving it? 13 Α. No. What about instances of David Marcks, your 14 Q. 15 husband, David Marcks getting into fights with 16 franchisees or members of the franchises and cutting 17 people off? 18 MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 19 THE WITNESS: I don't know what you're 20 talking about. I've never heard that. 21 BY MS. HADDEN:

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BY MS. HADDEN: 2 Q. What about Rebecca Gibson? A. What about her? 19 MS. JANKOWSKI: Can you repeat that? I'm 20 sorry. You're cutting out, periodically cutting 21 out. I don't know why. Sorry. 22 MS. HADDEN: No, no. No need to 23 apologize. I'm not sure why it's happening either. MS. JANKOWSKI: Well, it's just hit or 24 25 miss for whatever reason. Sorry to interrupt your

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line. Go ahead. 2 MS. HADDEN: No, no. That's all right. I 3 live in the mountains. Sometimes they interfere. 4 BY MS. HADDEN: MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. Let me 10 get my objections in. Go ahead. Go ahead. 11 THE WITNESS: Absolutely not. 12 BY MS. HADDEN: 20 BY MS. HADDEN: 21 Q. What about Kathy Benedict, was Kathy 22 Benedict someone that David Marcks got into 23 disagreements with and eventually sued? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. What were the circumstances of that case?

Case 3:22-cv-04585-MAS-TJB Document 50-11 Filed 11/06/23 Page 28 of 70 Page 12:1631 NDP Assign # 69078 Page 27 1 That was before me. I really don't know Α. 2 the full facts of that case. 3 Q. What about Sue Kinney? Was Sue Kinney 4 also a franchisee that David Marcks cut off and 5 attempted to sue? A. I have no knowledge of that.

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MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 1 2 THE WITNESS: I refuse to answer that question. MS. JANKOWSKI: Counsel, seriously. 4 5 MS. HADDEN: Yeah, seriously. If the 6 testimony is that David Marcks was not erratic, was not getting into fights with franchisees, was not 8 cutting people off, it's a relevant question. 15 BY MS. HADDEN: 16 Getting back to people in the business, 17 what about individual Vid Rapsys? MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 18 BY MS. HADDEN: 19 20 Q. How did that suit come about? He owed us money. He owed us for dogs he 21 22 never paid for. He owed us for checks that didn't 23 belong to him that he cashed and never repaid us. 24 Q. So Vid purchased -- and I'm using the term

25 | "purchased" loosely -- dogs from Geese Police or

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1	GPI, but never paid for them?
2	A. That's correct.
3	Q. How many dogs?
4	A. Over the years I don't know.
5	Q. What about Dave Swickard, what was the
6	origin of lawsuit?
7	A. Pure arrogance.
8	Q. Can you describe what you mean by that?
9	A. I have no knowledge. There was never any
10	complaints, any issues to my knowledge.
11	He just thought he could quit or the term
12	I believe he said was "I fired you."
13	Q. So when you say I fired you, Dave Swickard
14	was leaving the GPI franchise?
15	A. That's what he thought, yes.
16	Q. Did he have a valid franchise agreement in
17	effect at the time?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. What about Elliott Orn, what is the basis
20	of that suit or will be the basis of suit?
21	A. I have no knowledge yet. There's no
22	lawsuit to my knowledge yet.
23	Q. Are you familiar with I'm going to
24	shift topics for just a second.
25	MS. HADDEN: Counsel, do you need a few

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minutes before I shift?
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             MS. JANKOWSKI: Are you okay?
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             THE WITNESS: Yes.
             MS. JANKOWSKI: Do you want a break?
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             THE WITNESS: I want a break.
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             MS. JANKOWSKI: We'll take a break. Thank
   you.
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             MS. HADDEN: Five minutes, is that good,
   or do you want ten?
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             MS. JANKOWSKI: No, five is fine.
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             THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record
12 at 11:16.
13
             (Recess from 11:16 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.)
             THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are on the record at
14
15 11:25 a.m.
16 BY MS. HADDEN:
             Ms. Marcks, I'd like to turn now to the
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18 franchise agreement in this particular case. Are
   you familiar with the franchise agreement between
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20 GPI and Double D Goose?
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             MS. JANKOWSKI: I didn't hear her. You
22 completely cut out on the first part of that
23 question.
             MS. HADDEN: I apologize. How am I right
24
25 | now?
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MS. JANKOWSKI: That's fine. 1 2 MS. HADDEN: I'll make sure I stay close to the microphone. Hopefully that will help. 4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: I am hearing you 5 absolutely fine. I'm wondering if they might have a 6 bandwidth issue. Can we go off the record for one second, see if we can figure this out. 8 MS. HADDEN: Of course. 9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record at 11:26. 10 11 (Recess from 11:26 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.) 12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are on the record at 13 11:27. 14 BY MS. HADDEN: 15 Ms. Marcks, are you familiar with the Q. 16 franchise agreement between GPI, LLC and Double D Goose Control? 17 Yes. 18 Α. When was that agreement signed? 19 Q. 20 Α. I don't know. 21 Q. Do you know if it was signed in 2007? 22 I believe it was, yes. Α. 23 Q. It was for a five-year term; is that 24 correct? 25 Α. Yes.

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1 Q. At that time, was GPI was licensed to offer franchises in Virginia, do you know? 3 Α. I believe so, yes. Do you know where GPI is licensed to offer 4 5 franchises at this point? 6 At this time, I'm not offering any new franchises. I'm on hold. 8 So any licensure that has lapsed at this point, you're not renewing it because you're not offering new franchises; is that correct? 11 MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 12 THE WITNESS: No. 13 BY MS. HADDEN: 14 Q. No, that's not correct? No, that's correct. 15 Α. 16 Okay. Do you know when GPI or Geese 17 Police trademarked their proprietary marks, if you 18 know? It was various times. And off the top of 19 Α. my head, no. 20 21 Do you know whether or not any of those trademark applications took place within the last 221 231 couple of years since you took over? 24 Α. No. 25 In the 2007 agreement with Double D Goose, 0.

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there was a reference to the franchisee wishing to receive training and assistance. Do you know what training and assistance, if any, was offered? MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 4 5 THE WITNESS: I have no knowledge of that. BY MS. HADDEN: In that original agreement, the approved 7 Q. location and protected territory sections are both blank. Do you know why they are blank, if you know? 10 Α. No. 11 MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 12 BY MS. HADDEN: Section 2 of that original agreement gave 13 Q. the franchisee, that is Double D, the option to 14 renew for up to two more five-year terms; correct? 15 l 16 MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 17 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure. 18 BY MS. HADDEN: Did you review the franchise agreement 19 Q. before sitting for this deposition? 20 21 Α. No. Was there anything that you did review to 22 Q. 23| prepare? 24 Α. No. 25 If the franchise agreement had opted for Q.

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two additional five-year terms, the last possible term would have expired in late 2022; is that 3 correct? MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 4 5 THE WITNESS: She broke up. I didn't hear the question. Can you repeat, please? BY MS. HADDEN: 8 Sure. If the franchise agreement allowed Q. for one five-year term in 2007 and then the option 10 to renew for up to two more five-year terms, then it 11 would have expired in 2022; correct? MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 12 13 THE WITNESS: Correct. 14 BY MS. HADDEN: Do you know whether or not the franchise 15 Q. 16 agreement required the franchisee, again that's Double D, to give written notice of its intent to 171 18 renew before expiration? 19 Α. No. No, it didn't have that requirement or no, 20 you don't know? And I apologize. It was a poorly phrased question. 23 Α. No, I don't know. 24 Do you know whether or not GPI has or Q. 25 Geese Police has any record of having received a

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1	written no	otice of intent to renew from Double D?
2	Α.	No.
3	Q.	In fact, there are no valid extensions of
4	that franc	chise agreement; correct?
5		MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form.
6		THE WITNESS: I believe there is.
7	BY MS. HAI	DDEN:
8	Q.	When do you believe that there was an
9	extension	from? By when, I mean what year.
10		MS. JANKOWSKI: Sorry, counsel. What's
11	the questi	on?
12	BY MS. HAD	DDEN:
13	Q.	What year do you believe that the
14	franchise	agreement with Double D was extended?
15	Α.	I'm not sure.
16	Q.	Who from GPI or Geese Police signed an
17	extension	with Double D?
18	Α.	It could have been Jeremy Brown.
19	Q.	When did Jeremy Brown start working with
20	Geese Poli	ce or GPI?
21	Α.	I think three years ago.
22	Q.	So is it your belief that the franchise
23	agreement	between GPI and Double D was extended
24	sometime i	n the last three years?
25	Α.	I believe Jeremy handled that, yes.

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1 Q. Do you have that paperwork? Not physically with you right now. I mean in the 3 overall sense. I believe it's in the office. 4 MS. HADDEN: Counsel, if I could have a 5 6 copy of that. 7 MS. JANKOWSKI: We've produced all the documents I believe at this point. 8 9 MS. HADDEN: So any extension would be in the productions that we've received so far? 101 11 MS. JANKOWSKI: My understanding is we produced all documents. 12 BY MS. HADDEN: 13 l Who did you deal with at Double D Goose? 14 Q. 15 Α. Me? 16 Q. You. 17 Α. No one. So you didn't directly contact anybody to 18 Q. have an extension signed in late 2022? 20 Α. No. 21 Did you contact any of the franchises to extend their agreements in late 2022? 23 Α. No. 24 Are you familiar with the third section of Q. 25 the franchise agreement which details duties of the

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franchisor, franchisor being GPI? 2 A. I've read it in the past. 3 Q. Did it require the franchisor to provide training? 5 MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 6 THE WITNESS: Yes. 7 BY MS. HADDEN: 8 Other than the on-demand training that Q. you've described, is there any other training the 10 franchisor has offered to the franchisees? 11 MS. JANKOWSKI: Same objection. 12 THE WITNESS: Any training that they need 13 would be provided. 14 BY MS. HADDEN: By need you mean that they've requested; 15 I Q. 16 is that right? A. That's correct. 17 Q. Does the franchise agreement require 18 franchisees to make requests for training, if you 19 20 know? 21 MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 22 THE WITNESS: To my knowledge, no. 23 BY MS. HADDEN: 24 Does GPI or Geese Police maintain an 25 operating manual?

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1 Α. Yes. 2 Is that provided to franchisees? 3 Yes. Α. At what stage of a franchise's process is 4 Ο. 5 the operating manual provided? 6 I believe at the beginning of the contract or as requested. 8 Do you know in what format it's provided? Q. In other words, do you provide an online PDF? Do 10 you provide a physical copy? How do you provide it? A. There is a physical copy. I don't -- I 11 12 believe it could be provided online as well. I'm 13 not sure on that. And am I correct that you don't know how 14 Q. it was provided to Double D Goose because you were 16 not involved with Geese Police at that point? It would have -- at that point, it would 17 18 have been a manual that was given them, yes. So at that point, it would have been a 19 Ο. hard copy? 201 21 Α. Yes. 22 And the franchise agreement also provides 23 for a 6 percent monthly fee; correct? 24 MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

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BY MS. HADDEN: 2 Is that fee the same for each franchise? 3 Yes. Α. MS. JANKOWSKI: Object to form. 4 5 BY MS. HADDEN: 6 In the case of Double D Goose, it was Ο. never regularly paid; correct? 8 A. I didn't hear that question. 9 MS. JANKOWSKI: Can you repeat that, counsel? 10 l MS. HADDEN: Of course. 11 12 BY MS. HADDEN: Q. In the case of Double D Goose, that 6 13 l percent monthly fee was never regularly paid; 15 correct? 16 A. Yes. Section 6 requires that franchises 17 request and pay for approval from Geese Police or 18 GPI before buying a new dog; correct? MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection. Form. 19 20 THE WITNESS: I believe so, yes. 21 BY MS. HADDEN: 22 That's not something that Double D ever 231 did, is it, to your knowledge? 24 A. I have no knowledge of that. 25 Q. If an active franchise were to comply with

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that paragraph right now, who would be approving the 2 doq? 3 A. One of my managers, most likely Brian Swirbel. 5 Q. Do any of the franchises pay to have their dogs approved? 7 Α. No. 8 Q. What about uniform approval, do the franchises come to you or to GPI to have uniforms 10 approved? It's a standard uniform. We don't deviate 11 Α. 12 from the standard uniform. Q. But you also don't go to inspect franchise 13 l 14 locations; correct? MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 15 16 THE WITNESS: I haven't, no. 17 BY MS. HADDEN: Q. So do you have any knowledge of what 18 franchises are wearing in terms of a uniform when 19 20 they go to service customer accounts? 21 l A. Only what we see online. 22 l Q. So when you say see online, you mean, for 23 instance, if a franchise posts on Facebook or 24 Instagram or some social media site; is that 25 correct?

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1 Α. Yes. 2 And when they do those posts, does GPI or Geese Police share or utilize those posts in your own social media accounts? I don't. Some of the employees possibly 5 6 may. I don't do that stuff. 7 Q. Is there someone who is in charge of social media for GPI or Geese Police? 8 9 Α. No. Are you familiar with Section 7 of the 10 11 franchise agreement which says only the name Geese Police with no prefix or suffix can be used? MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection. Form. 13 THE WITNESS: Yes. 14 15 BY MS. HADDEN: 16 And that's a provision of the agreement that none of the franchisees has ever complied with; 17| correct? Each one has always had Geese Police 18| something, for example, D.C., virginia, Maryland, 19 some local designation? 20 l 21 Α. Yes. 22 MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 23 BY MS. HADDEN: 24 What about Section 11, are you familiar Q. 25 with Section 11, which deals with advertising and

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promotion? 2 Α. No. 3 Does GPI or Geese Police have an Q. advertising fund for the franchisees? 5 Α. Fund? 6 0. Fund. 7 Α. In what respect? From the main office? 8 Correct. A fund run by the main office Q. designated specifically for advertising. 10 Α. No. And when a -- sorry. Section 15 of the 11 Q. franchise agreement, Termination or Expiration, are you familiar with that section? 131 Α. No. 14 15 Okay. What about Section 16, the Q. 16 Noncompetition Covenants, are you familiar with that section? 17 Α. I don't have the manual in front of me. 18 19 No. 20 Q. Okay. Do you know whether or not the noncompete covenant covers a specific time period, 22 if you know? 23 Α. Yes. 24 Do you know what that time period is? Q. 25 While under contract and I believe it's Α.

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two years after the contract expires. 2 So would it be fair to say that if a Q. contract expired in 2012, the noncompete provision would expire in 2014, after two years? 5 MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form. 6 THE WITNESS: Yes. BY MS. HADDEN: 8 What about the website that's maintained Q. by GPI, are you familiar with the website? 10 Α. Yes. Are you involved in any of the content 11 Q. that's on the website? 12 13 Α. Yes. So, for example, the home page states, "We 14 Q. are constantly keeping up with the latest 15 l 16 developments in the migration habits of Canada geese and the problems they cause to health of humans and 171 the environment." Correct? 18 First of all, I didn't hear the question. 19 Α. 20 I'll repeat it. Q. 21 Α. Would you repeat it? 22 Of course. Is it correct that the home 23 page of your website says, quote, "We are constantly 24 keeping up with the latest developments in the 25 migration habits of Canada geese and the problems

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1	they cause to the health of humans and the
2	environment"?
3	A. I believe that's correct.
4	Q. What are you doing to keep up with the
5	latest developments in the migration habits of
6	Canada geese?
7	A. I can't answer that. That would be the
8	office, my management.
9	Q. Who in management would be able to answer
10	that question?
11	A. Joe Compton, Jeremy Brown.
12	Q. Who provides the text for the website?
13	A. The office.
14	Q. When you say the office, is that those
15	same two individuals, Joe Compton and Jeremy Brown?
16	A. Not Jeremy Brown.
17	Q. Is there anyone else who provides content
18	for the website?
19	A. No.
20	Q. Are you aware that the website still
21	promises training offered by David Marcks for any
22	new franchise?
23	A. What was the question?
24	MS. JANKOWSKI: You cut out again.
25	BY MS. HADDEN:

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Are you aware that the website still 1 Q. offers training by David Marcks for any new 3 franchise or employee? 4 Α. No. Are you aware that that the website 5 Q. credits David Marcks with formulating the concept of chasing geese with border collies? 8 Α. Yes. 9 And that was actually Richard Marcks, wasn't it? 10 11 Α. Absolutely not. Do you know who the first owner of a 12 Q. border collie trained to chase geese on golf courses 14 was? David Marcks. 15 Α. 16 Q. Do you know the name of that dog? It's on the tip of my tongue. 17 Α. Does Tac sound familiar? 18 Q. 19 Α. Tap, yes. 20 Tap or Tac? Sorry. You cut out this Q. 21 time. 22 It might have been Tap. I believe it was 231 Tac, the first one, but Tap was his main dog, yes. 24 Q. And David Marcks trained Tac, T-A-C? 25 I believe so. Α.

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1 Q. Are you aware that the website still promises franchising as an available service that GPI would offer? In other words, franchises are still listed for sale? 5 I believe so, yes. 6 But that's not currently accurate; Ο. correct? 8 We're not -- at this time, that's correct. Α. 9 Q. Did GPI have an advertising budget for Geese Police? 11 Α. No. Is there a separate budget for training 12 Q. 13 for franchisees? Α. No. 14 Is there a separate budget for training 15 Q. 16 for employees? 17 Α. No. Is there a separate budget for supplies to 18 19 be given to franchisees? 20 Α. No. 21 You said that there's no one specific in charge of social media for GPI or Geese Police; 23 correct? 24 It would be probably Jeremy Brown. Α. 25 So whatever social media presence GPI or Q.

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1	Geese Police has would be managed by Jeremy Brown?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. Do you know who was in charge of social
4	media before Jeremy joined about three years ago?
5	A. Lisa Grout.
6	Q. And do you know who before Lisa would have
7	been in charge of social media, if anyone?
8	A. Diane Nevarez.
9	Q. Was that ever one of your responsibilities
10	when you were still vice president?
11	A. You broke up. I didn't hear the question.
12	Q. Was that ever one of your responsibilities
13	when you were still vice president?
14	A. No.
15	Q. Am I correct that you've never been
16	involved in the actual physical work that Geese
17	Police does, in other words, physically chasing
18	geese with dogs?
19	A. I have, yes, with my husband, yes.
20	Q. Are you involved in training at all?
21	A. No.
22	Q. Other than accompanying your husband, do
23	you, yourself, work any of the customer accounts?
24	A. Presently, no.
25	Q. What is David Marcks' involvement in

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Double D Goose, to your knowledge? Not your husband
 2 David Marcks. The younger David Marcks.
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            I believe he's the president.
        Α.
             You weren't aware that he had been removed
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 5
   as an owner as long ago --
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             I have to apologize. You said David. I'm
   sorry. No. Doug Marcks I believe is the president.
   David Marcks, I don't know that he's even affiliated
 8
   with Double D at this time.
             All right. And what about Michael Gay?
10
        Q.
11
        A. I believe he was a silent partner.
             And he's also no longer involved; correct?
12
        Q.
             MS. JANKOWSKI: Objection to form.
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             THE WITNESS: I don't have that knowledge.
             MS. HADDEN: Counsel, can we take five
15
16 minutes? I think I'm near the end. I just want to
   do a quick review, and nobody needs to be sitting
17|
18 here staring while I scroll.
             MS. JANKOWSKI: Of course. Do you want
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   five or ten?
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             MS. HADDEN: I think five is good.
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             THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off the record
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   at 11:54 a.m.
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             THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are on the record at
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12:00 p.m. 2 BY MS. HADDEN: 3 Thank you. I just had one other question, Q. 4 | Mrs. Marcks. Do you know whether or not GPI or 5 Geese Police sent Doug Marcks to do some of the 6 training for other franchisees? MS. JANKOWSKI: Sorry, counsel. You just 7 cut out on us. Can you just re-ask the question? 8 We got half of it. MS. HADDEN: Of course. Sorry. 10 11 MS. JANKOWSKI: Thanks. No. That's okay. 12 BY MS. HADDEN: Were you aware, and this is only if you 13 l Q. 14 know, that GPI or Geese Police sent Doug Marcks to 15 do some of the training of franchisees on their 16 behalf, if you know? A. I have no knowledge of that, no. 17 MS. HADDEN: I don't have any other 18 questions, counsel. 19 20 MS. JANKOWSKI: I do not have any follow-21 up questions based on your questions. So with that, 22 this deposition is it concluded. 23 MS. HADDEN: Thank you. 24 MS. JANKOWSKI: Thank you. 25 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the end of the

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deposition of Diane Marcks. The court reporter will
 2 now take orders for the transcript.
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              MS. JANKOWSKI: We will send you our
   order. Thank you.
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              (Whereupon, at 12:02 p.m., the taking of
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   the instant deposition ceased.)
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CERTIFICATE I, the undersigned Tim Garrett, am a videographer on behalf of NAEGELI Deposition & Trial. I do hereby certify that I have accurately made the video recording of the deposition of Diane Marcks, in the above captioned matter on the 2nd day of October, 2023 taken at the location of Virginia. No alterations, additions, or deletions were made thereto. I further certify that I am not related to any of these parties in the matter and I have no financial interest in the outcome of this matter. Tim Garrett

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1	COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)
2	COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY) SS:
3	CERTIFICATE
4	I, Ann Medis, RPR, CLR, CSR-WA and
5	Notary Public within and for the Commonwealth of
6	Pennsylvania, do hereby certify:
7	That DIANE MARCKS, the witness whose
8	deposition is hereinbefore set forth, was duly
9	sworn by me and that such deposition is a true
10	record of the testimony given by such witness.
11	I further certify the inspection,
12	reading and signing of said deposition were not
13	waived by counsel for the respective parties and
14	by the witness.
15	I further certify that I am not related
16	to any of the parties to this action by blood or
17	marriage and that I am in no way interested in the
18	outcome of this matter.
19	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
20	my hand this 17th day of October, 2023.
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22	MN Motary Public
23	
24	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal Ann Medis, Notary Public
25	Allegheny County My commission expires January 7, 2025 Commission number 1109616 Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

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1	CORRECTION SHEET					
2	Deposition of: Diane Marcks Date: 10/02/23					
3	Regarding: GPI LLC vs Double D Goose Control LLC					
4	Reporter: Medis					
5						
6	Please make all corrections, changes or clarifications					
7	to your testimony on this sheet, showing page and line					
8	number. If there are no changes, write "none" across					
9	the page. Sign this sheet on the line provided.					
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1	DECLARATION				
2	Deposition of: Diane Marcks Date: 10/02/23				
3	Regarding: GPI LLC vs Double D Goose Control LLC				
4	Reporter: Medis				
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7	I declare under penalty of perjury the following to				
8	be true:				
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10	I have read my deposition and the same is true and				
11	accurate save and except for any corrections as made				
12	by me on the Correction Page herein.				
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14	Signed at,				
15	on the, 2023.				
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